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The World of LEDs - How Thermoplastics can support the efficiency of luminaires

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Our planet from the universe

20% of the electrical power is consumed by general lighting – the demand will increase by 80% until 2030 (acc. to UNEP, 2009)



Sustainable and Ecological Lighting

Saving energy and money with LED as light source

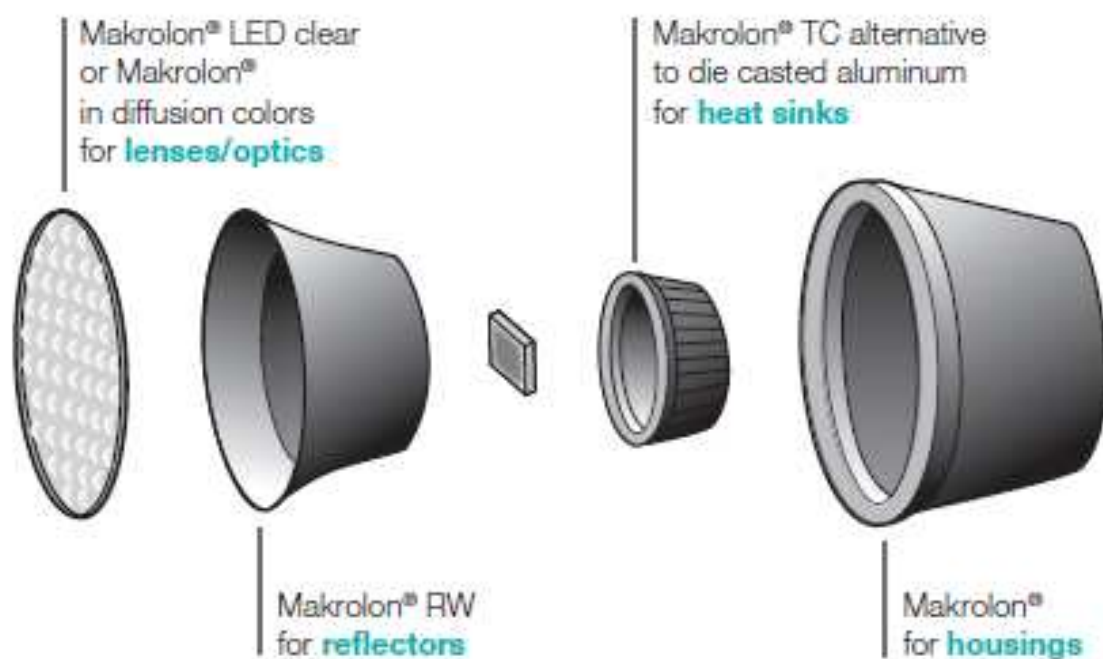


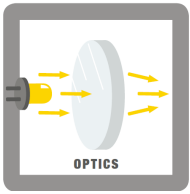
Advantages of LED light:

- Lower energy costs
- Much longer lifetime
- Environmentally sound
- Excellent performance

Main Components of a LED based Luminaire

Makrolon® (polycarbonate) can be used for several LED applications





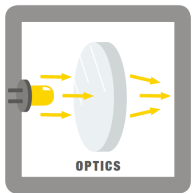
Secondary Optics

Clear Makrolon® LED grades



Advantages of clear Makrolon® LED grades:

- High light transmission over a broad range of wavelengths
- Excellent long-term heat and high flux stability
- High mechanical stability
- Inherently good flame resistance
- Exceptional purity to optimize light transmission

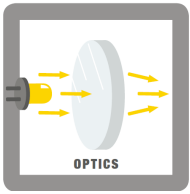


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Makrolon® LED grades for a long-term performance

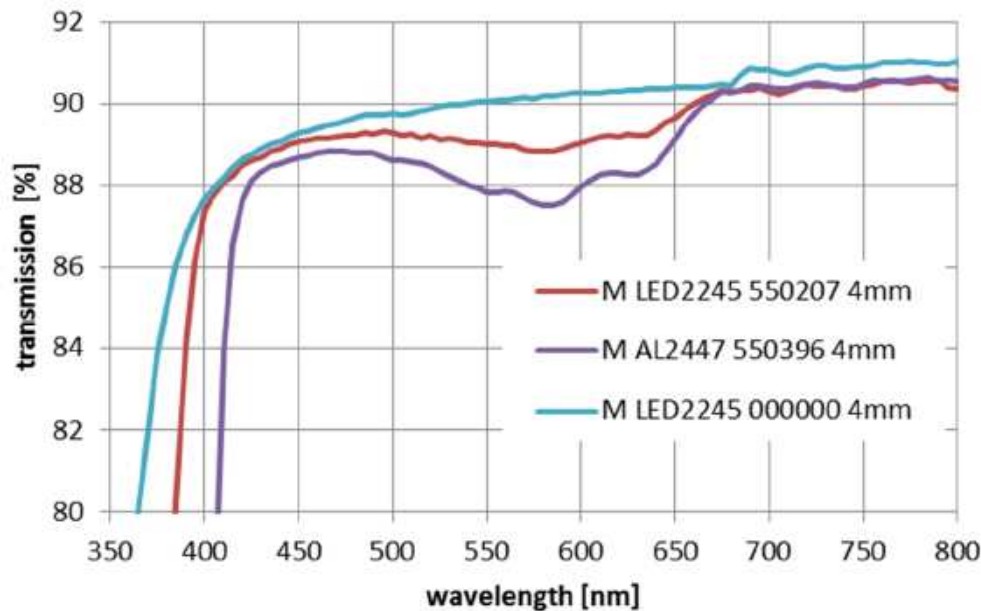


Makrolon grade	Color number	MVR (cm3/10min)	Transmission (%@2mm)	UV stabilized
LED2045	000000	61	91	No
LED2245	000000	36	90	No
LED2245	550207	36	89	No
LED2247	550207	36	89	Yes
LED2643	550115	13	89	Yes
AL2447	550396	19	89	Yes

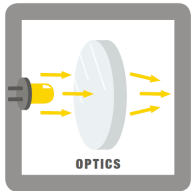


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Transmission of selected Makrolon® grades @4mm

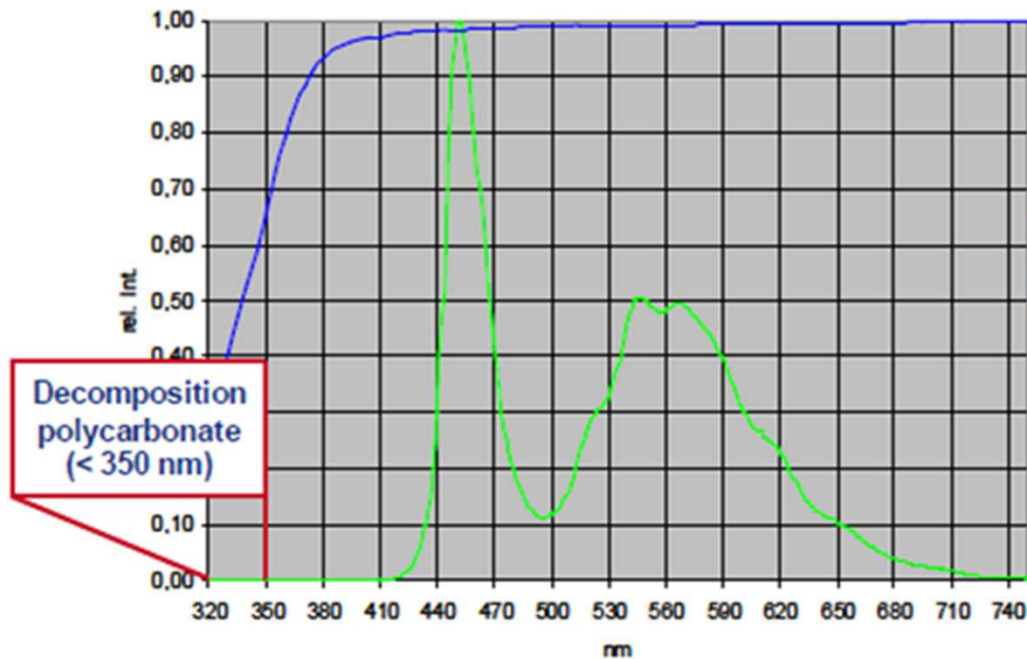


- Makrolon® LED2245 000000 has the highest transmission but has a slightly yellowish appearance
- Makrolon® AL2447 550115 has a crystal clear appearance, but transmission for thick parts is not sufficient
- Makrolon® LED2245 550207:
 - High transmission (>89% @4mm)
 - No UV absorber
 - Ice color with high transmission
 - LED stabilization package
 - Highest purity level

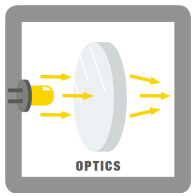


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Transmission of Makrolon® grades versus LED emission spectrum

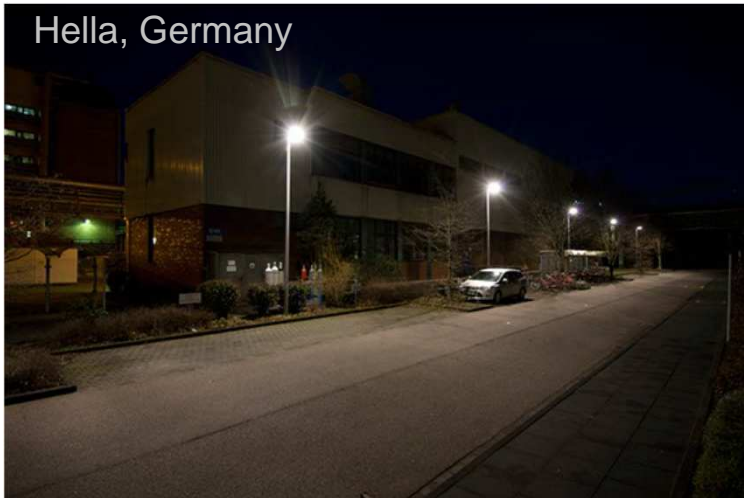


- White LEDs show a peak in the blue light around 430 to 460nm
- At the wavelength of the blue peak of the LED the transmission of Makrolon® is still very high
- The absorption of light energy by Makrolon® strongly increases in the range below 400nm
- Blue / white LEDs do not emit light in the range of 400nm or below
- Light above 500nm is absorbed by Makrolon if the material does not contain colorants; any absorption is solely caused by the additive



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Makrolon® LED grades for a long-term performance



Hella, Germany

LED optics molded from Makrolon® LED2245



LEDworx, Austria

LED optics molded from Makrolon® LED2643



Audi, Germany

Makrolon® LED2245 natural



Light Guides

Clear Makrolon® LED grades



Advantages of clear Makrolon® grades for light guides:

- High light transmission over a broad range of wavelengths
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- High mechanical stability
- Inherent flame retardance
- Exceptional purity to optimize light transmission



Light Guides

Makrolon® grades with a very high light transmission

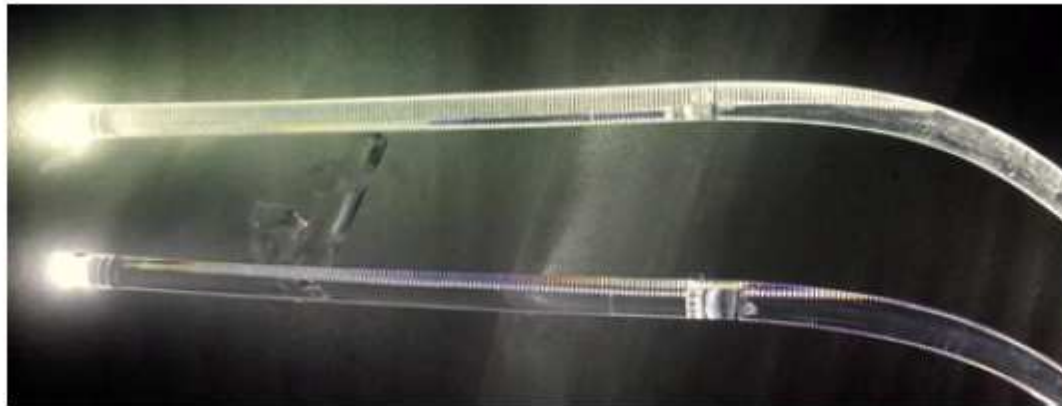


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LED2245	550207	36	89	No



Light Guides

Makrolon® grades made for special requirements of light guides



Makrolon® LED2245

Color 000000

Color 550207 icecolor

For light guides Makrolon® has to fulfil special requirements:

- Transmission and extinction have to be watched carefully due to long pathways
- Thermal stability has to be very high over a long period of time to avoid changes in light transmission
- Dispersion of the refractive index over temperature needs to be low
- High stability against LED light is needed to avoid loss of transmission



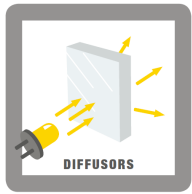
Diffusors

Diffusive Makrolon® grades to achieve an even light distribution



Advantages of Makrolon® grades for light diffusion:

- High light transmission
- High half-power angle
- Strong hiding power of LED light source
- Diffusion products and colors adjusted to your requirements



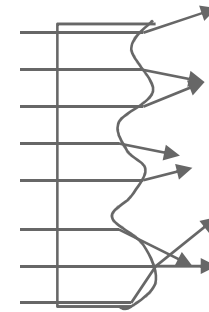
Mechanisms of Light Diffusion

Refraction and Scattering



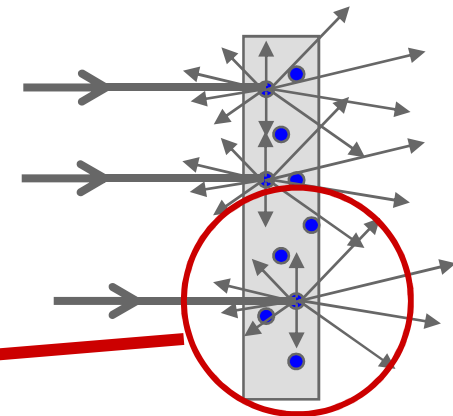
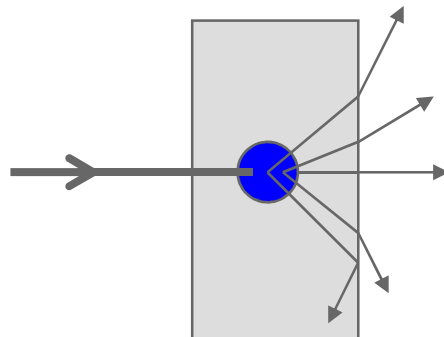
Technique: • **Refraction** → surface diffuser plates

↳ Frosted glass with irregular structured surface
(grain size: ca. 10 μm)

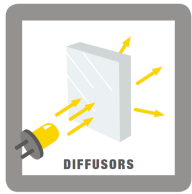


• **Scattering** → bulk diffuser plates

↳ Scattering objects within the bulk
(opal glass plates)

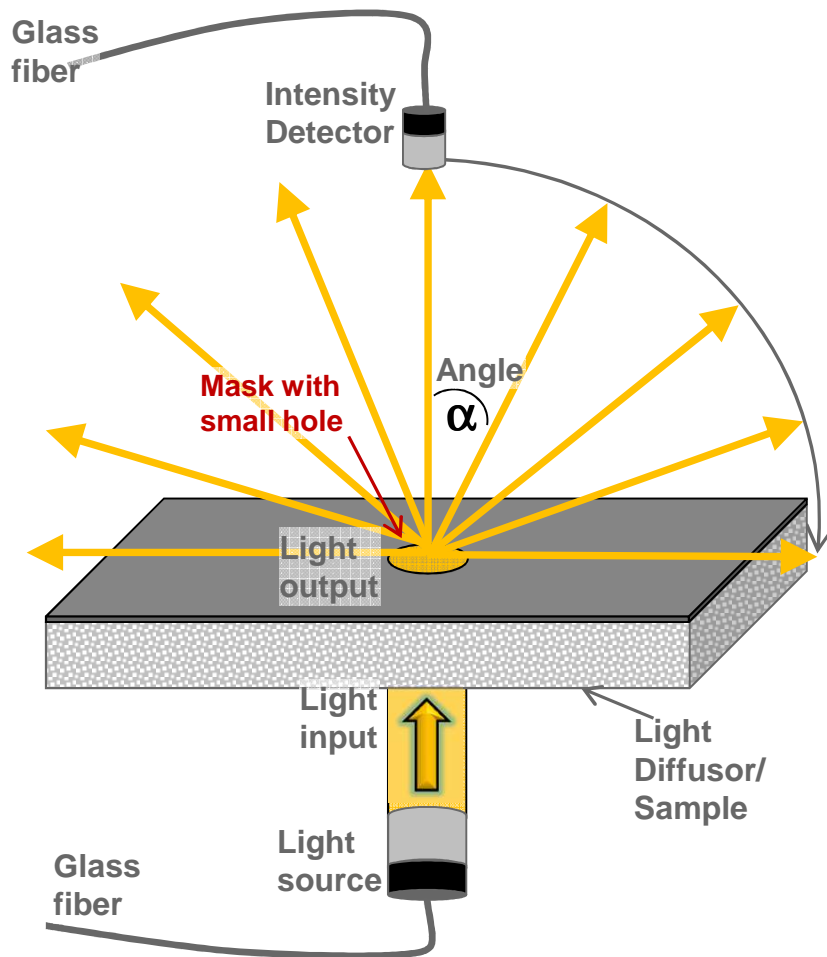


Sketch without considering refraction
on the plate surface!



Characterization of a Diffuser Sheet

Measuring the diffusion properties with a single beam



Advantages:

- Single method to compare materials
- Relatively quick measurement

Disadvantages:

- Method may deliver different results if different apparatuses are used
- Single beam measurements do not represent the performance in the real luminaire due to not measuring back-reflection

Recommendation

- Material comparison should always be done on the same machine using the same setup
- Final assessment of different materials should always be done in the final luminaire



Typical Translucent Makrolon® Grades

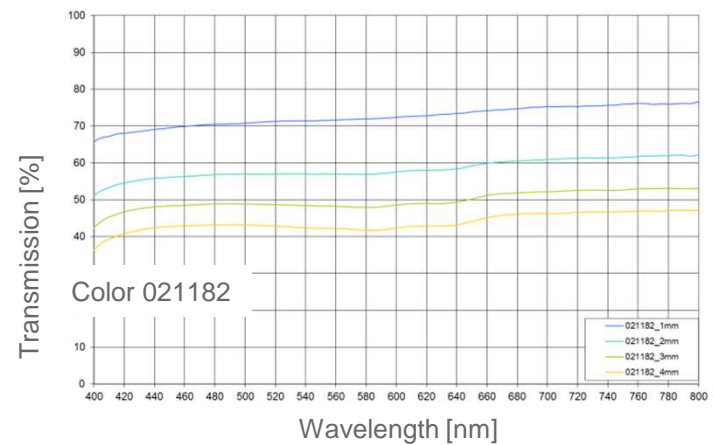
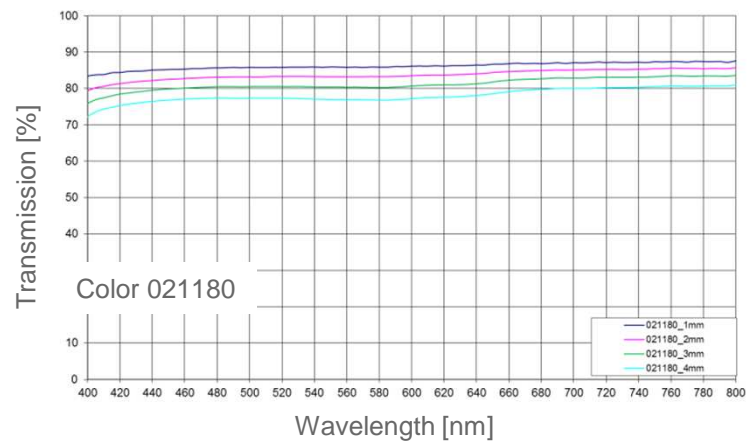
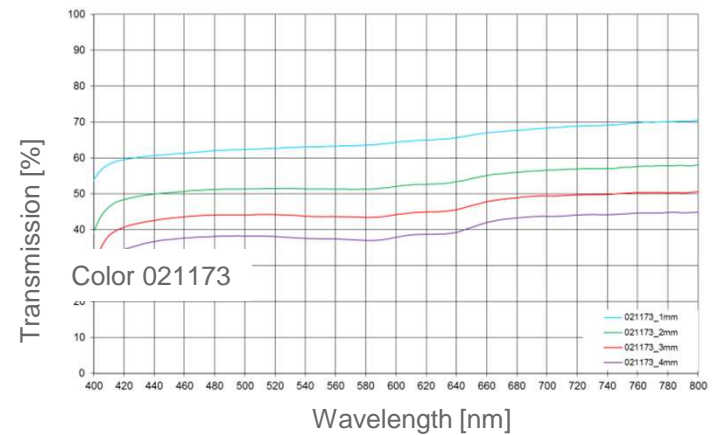
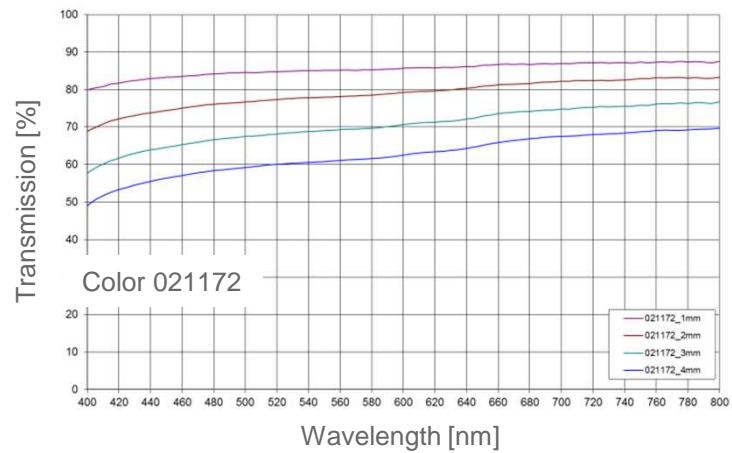
Makrolon® grade	Color number	MVR (cm ³ /10min)	Transmission (%@2mm)	Half Power Angle (°@2mm)
2407	021180	19	83	4
2407	021172	19	77	22
2407	021182	19	57	50
2407	021173	19	52	57

* All properties are shown in intensity related quantities, not with cosine corrected "luminosity" values! The result may be influenced by the individual measurement setup



Typical Translucent Makrolon® Colors

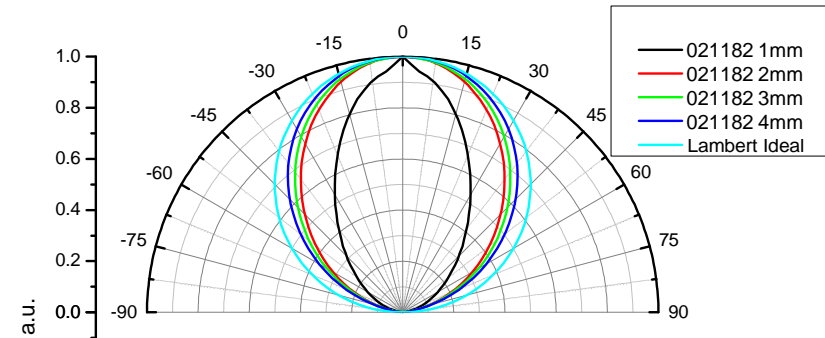
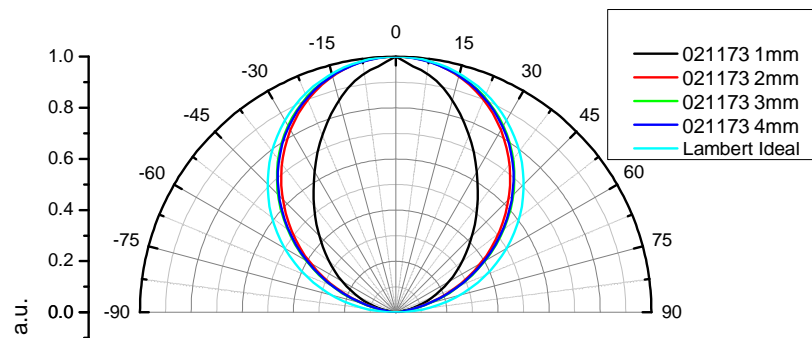
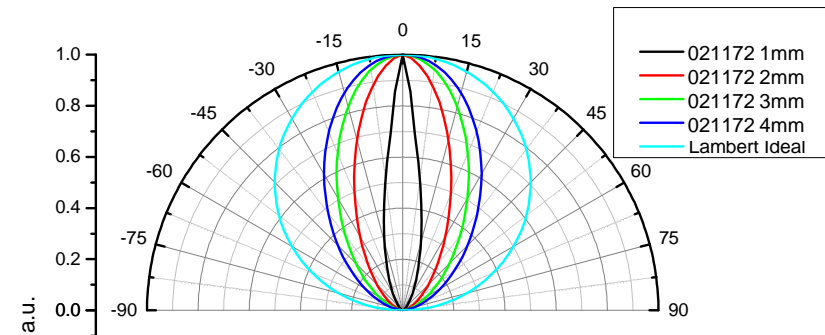
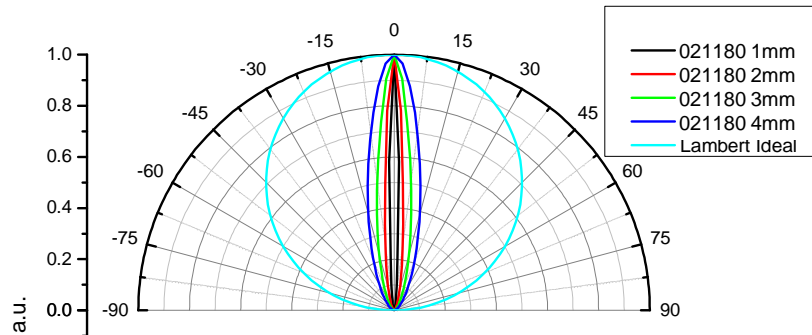
Transmission vs. wavelength





Typical Translucent Makrolon® Colors

Polar Diagrams

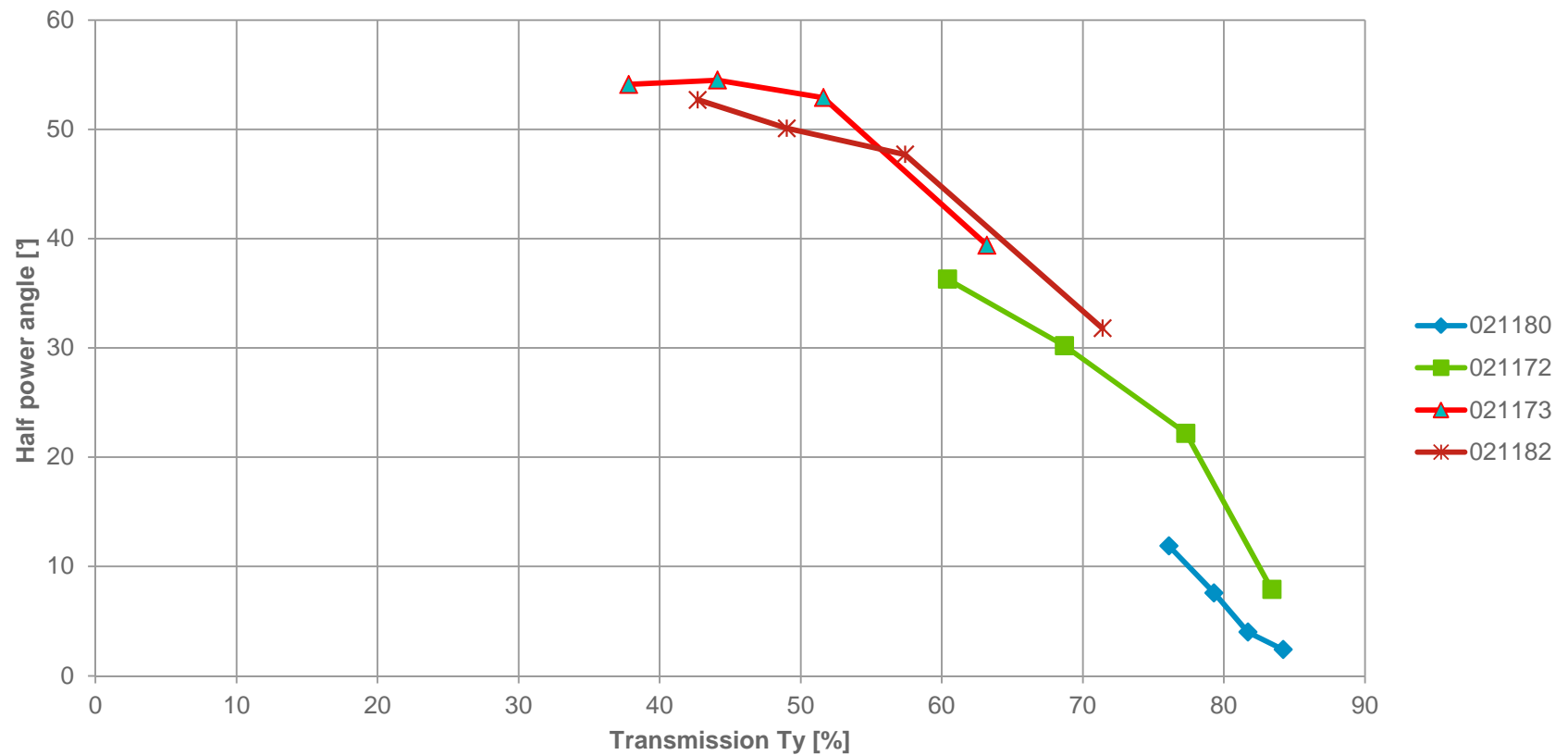


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Typical Translucent Makrolon® Colors

Transmission vs. Half Power Angle



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Diffusive Reflection

Makrolon® grades to improve the reflection of light



Advantages of Makrolon® grades for diffusive reflectors:

- High reflectivity (>94%)
- High temperature stability
- Mechanical strength



Typical Makrolon® Grades for Diffusive Reflectors



Makrolon® grade	Color number	MVR (cm ³ /10min)	Total reflectance (%)	UV stabilized
RW2407	012363	19	96,5	Yes
RW2407	010226	19	94,5	Yes
RW6267X	012363	19	96	Yes
RW6265X	010226	19	94	No
RW6267X	012268	19	95	Yes



Specular Reflection



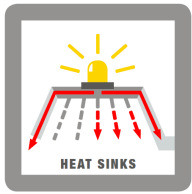
Advantages of Makrolon® grades for specular reflectors:

- High gloss surface allowing excellent reflectivity of metal layers
- Good adhesion of metallic surface to base polymer
- Best surface quality due to specially developed production cycle
- Low thermal expansion coefficient



Typical Grades for Specular Reflectors

Product grade	MVR (cm ³ /10min)	Vicat temperature (°C)	CLTE parallel (10 ⁻⁴ /K)	CLTE transversal (10 ⁻⁴ /K)
Makrolon® 2405	19	143	0,65	0,65
Makrolon® GF8004	10	144	0,50	0,55
Bayblend® T90 MF-20	12	130	0,40	0,56
Apec® 1695	45	158	0,70	0,70
Apec® 2095	8	203	0,70	0,70



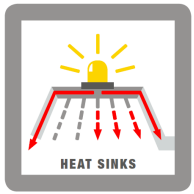
Heat Management

Optimizing the efficiency of LEDs by effective cooling



Advantages of Makrolon® grades for heat sinks:

- Reduced weight of LED light engines
- Strong heat-transferring capability
- High level of design freedom
- Cost-effective production
- Easy processing through high viscosity



Makrolon® Grade for Heat Sinks

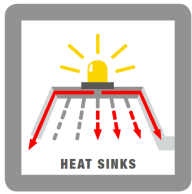
High thermal conductivity for very good heat transfer



Product grade	Color number	Thermal conductivity (W/m*K)
Makrolon® TC8030	999900	20 ⁽¹⁾ 13 ⁽²⁾

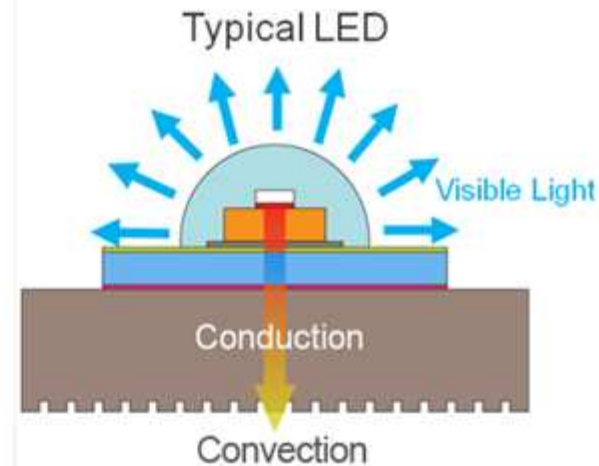
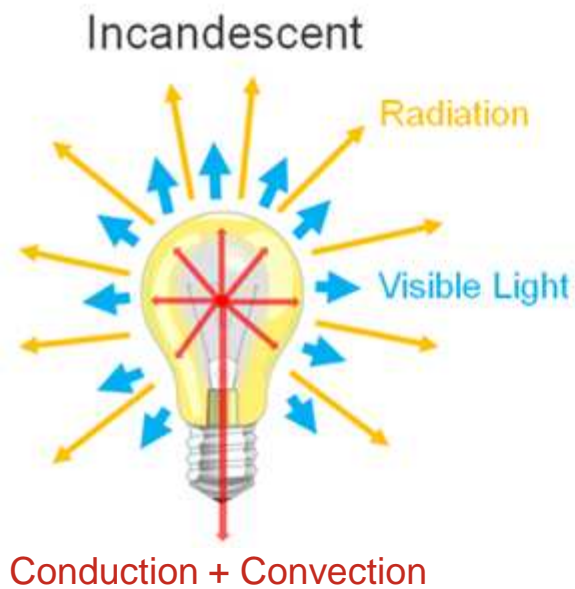
⁽¹⁾ ISO 22007-2

⁽²⁾ ASTM E 1461-01

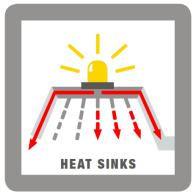


Heat Transfer

Difference between incandescent and LED light sources

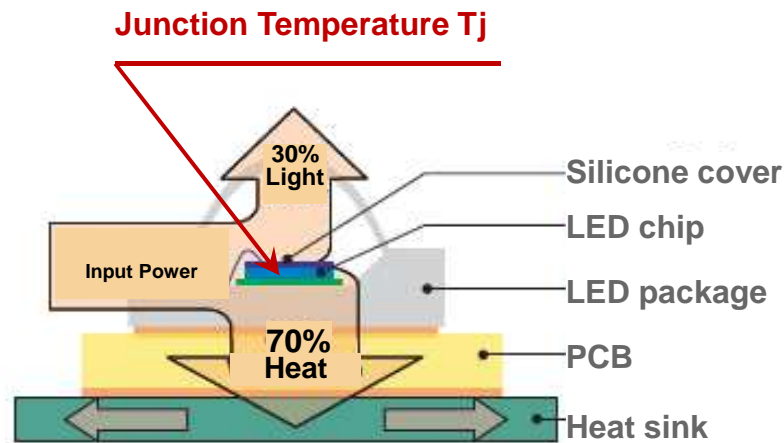


Unlike traditional light sources, LED heat dissipation depends mainly on conduction and convection. Heat produced by LED light source has to be conducted away efficiently to ensure optimal performance of a replacement lamp or luminaire



LEDs for Lighting

Convert electrical power to light and heat

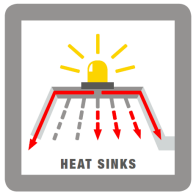


- LEDs emit 70% of electrical power as heat
- Heat degrades the LED chip leading to reduced light output (degradation)
- Maximum allowed temperature for the LED package is defined by the junction temperature (T_j)

Typical values

- Maximum allowed $T_j = 125^\circ\text{C}$
- Long term continuous use $T_j = 85^\circ\text{C}$

The higher the junction temperature, the shorter the lifetime of the LED replacement lamp or luminaire



Makrolon® TC8030

PAR 30 – Similar Performance vs. Aluminum



Open Air Test



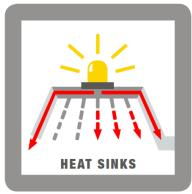
Thermocouple attached to back plate



Enclosed in
Can Light

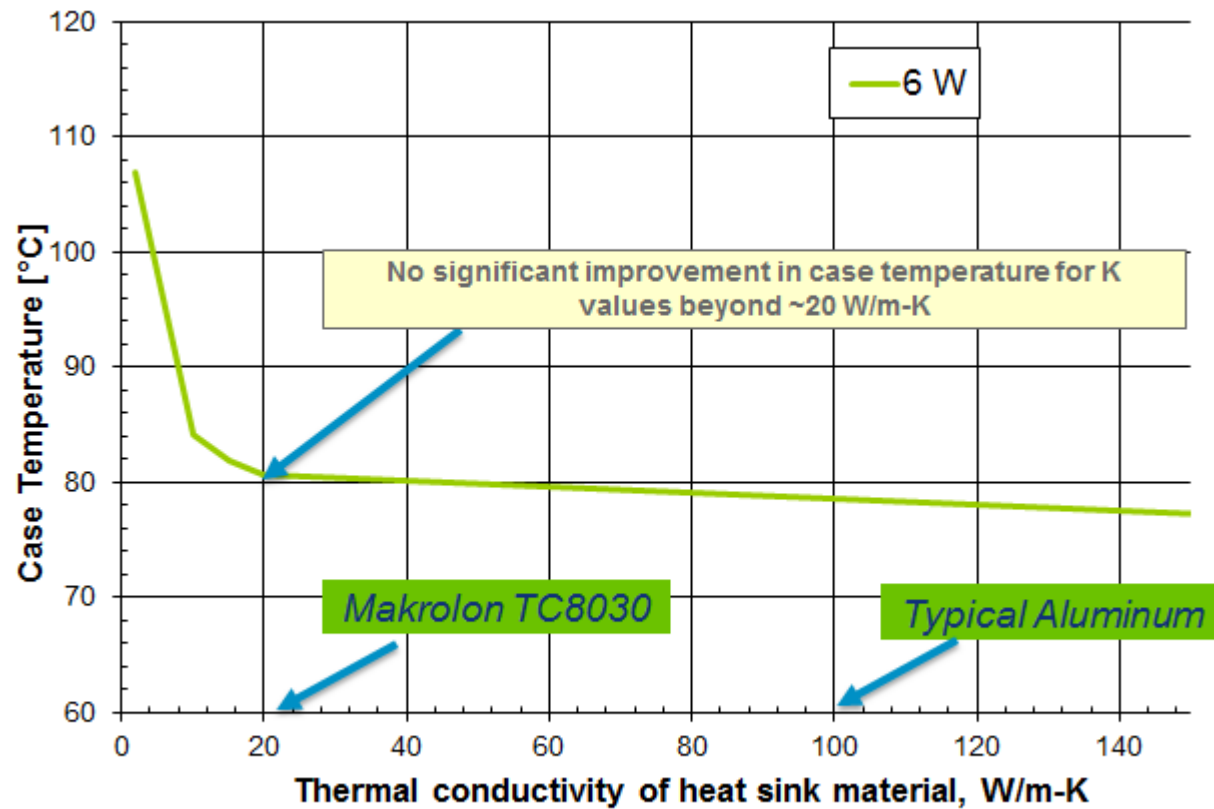
	Enclosed Fixture		Open Air	
Heat Sink Material	Back Plate(°C)	Delta vs. Makrolon TC8030 (°C)	Back Plate (°C)	Delta vs. Makrolon TC8030 (°C)
Makrolon TC8030	79.2		54.2	
Average of 5 Purchased Aluminum Lamps	80.2	+ 1.0	57.0	+ 2.8

Makrolon TC8030 initial performance is similar to aluminum and is expected to improve over the long term from elimination of the TIM

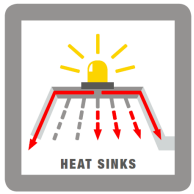


Makrolon® TC8030

Simulation of Conductivity vs. Case Temperature

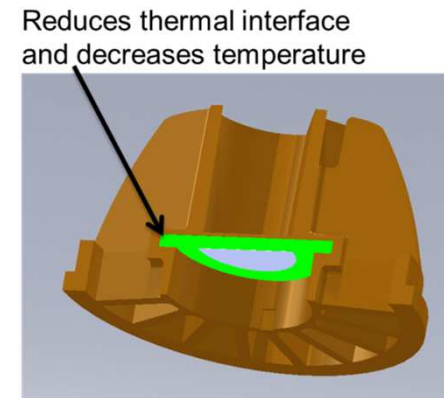
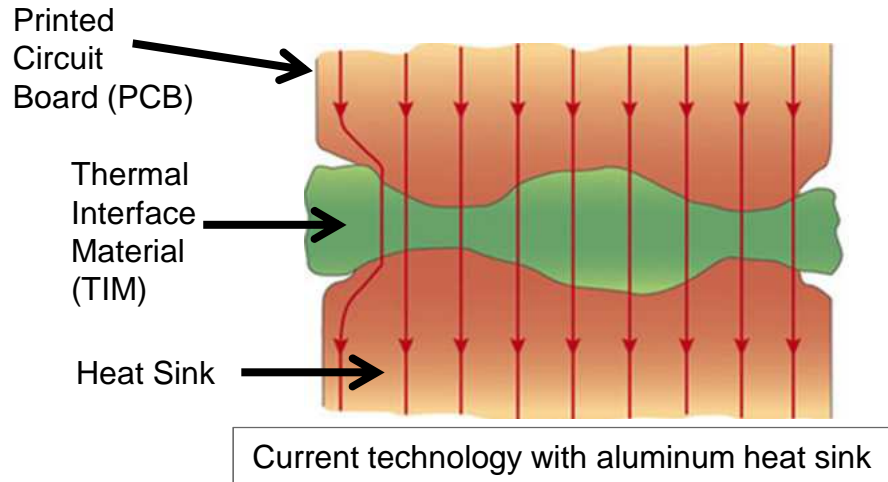


Simulation at 6W



Makrolon® TC8030

Improved Performance with Integration



- Improved performance by elimination of thermal grease or adhesives
 - Lower thermal resistance reduces operating temperature improving LED color and life
 - Removes risk of thermal pumping of TIM over time increasing long term durability

Better quality and longer life can lead to increased sales in a highly competitive marketplace



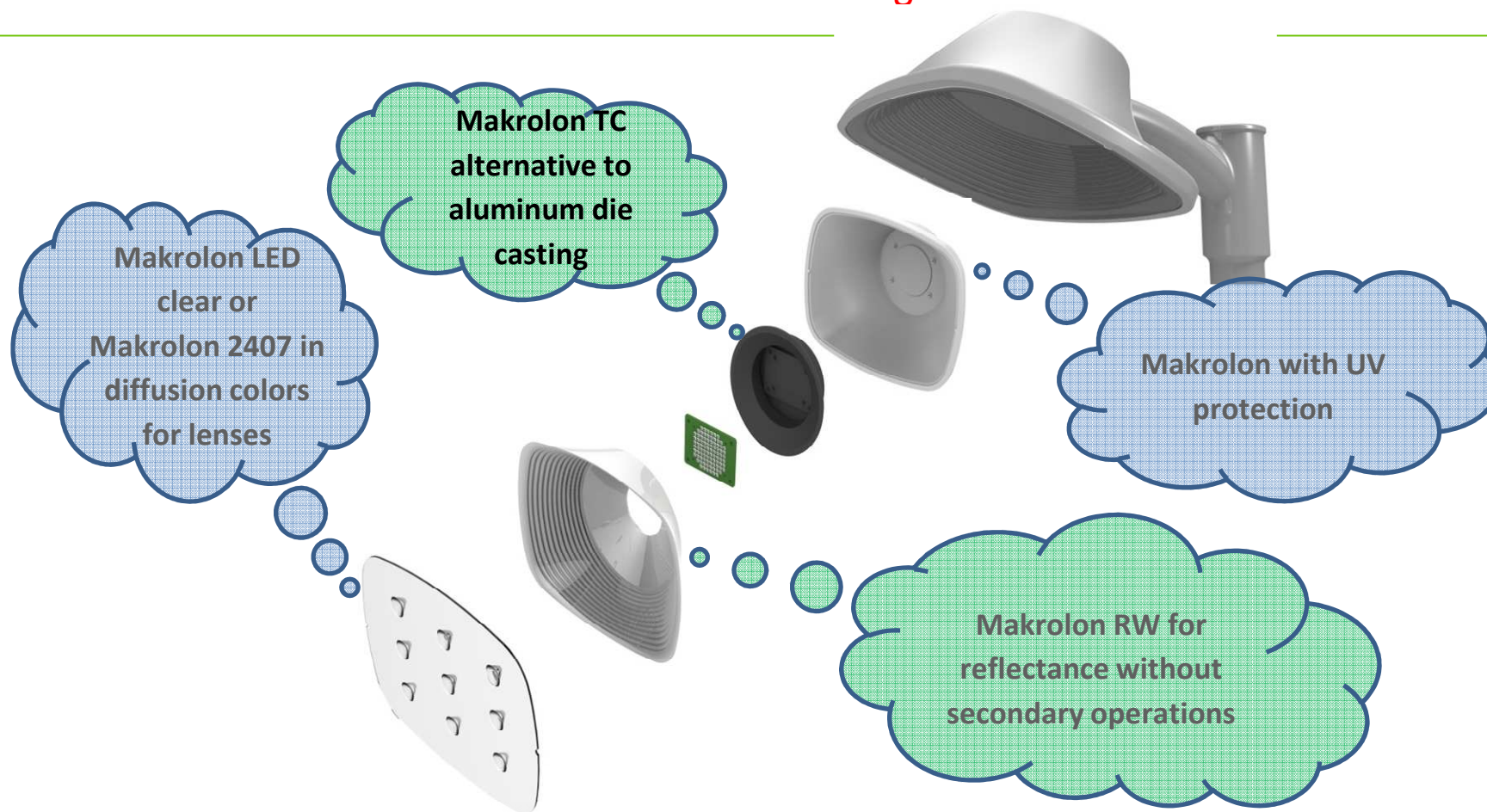
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Material Options for LED Lighting

Makrolon® Products to Meet Your Design Needs

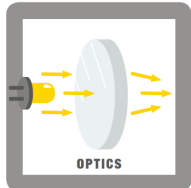


Bayer has a wide range of products for indoor and outdoor replacement lamp and luminaire components



Material Options for LED Applications

Makrolon® Products to Meet Your Design Needs (selected grades!)



Makrolon® LED 2045 / Makrolon® LED2245 / Makrolon® LED2643
Makrolon® FR7087
Makrolon® 6717 / Makrolon® ET3113 / Makrolon® ET3127 / Makrolon® ET3227



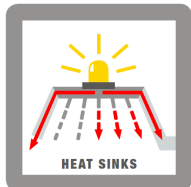
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Makrolon® 2407 021180 / Makrolon® 2407 021172 / Makrolon® 2207 021177



Makrolon® RW2407 012353 / Makrolon® RW2407 012363



Makrolon® TC8030



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